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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Chang
TAKEHIKO NAKAI)
: Group Art Unit: 2872
Appln. No.: 09/241,851)
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Filed: February 2, 1999)
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For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL) February 14, 2000
: (Monday)
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SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME)

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 1999, for three months, from November 13, 1999, to February 14, 2000 (February 13, 1999, being a Sunday).

Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or

credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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